

Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Isaiah 5: 1-7	Ps 79	Philippians 4: 6-9	Matthew 21: 33-43
Mon	Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-13	Ps 116	Matthew 28: 16-20	
Tues	Jonah 3: 1-10	Ps 129	Luke 10: 38-42	
Wed	Jonah 4: 1-11	Ps 85	Luke 11: 1-4	
Thurs	Malachi 3: 13-20	Ps 1	Luke 11: 5-13	
Fri	Joel 1: 13-15, 2: 1-2	Ps 9	Luke 11: 15-26	
Sat	Joel 4: 12-21	Ps 96	Luke 11: 27-28	
Sun	Isaiah 25: 6-10	Ps 22	Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20	Matthew 22: 1-14

Please pray for the health of:

Irene Welford
Mrs Aitken
Joan Lightfoot
Michael Nicholson
Adam Hudspeth
Christopher Browne
Tyler Quinn
Robin Davis
Angela Graham
Frank Ridley
Jacob Thomas
Charlotte Thomas
Teresa Brown
Christina Marsh
Kathy Lloyd
Roman Banks
Jane Hardy (Kirby)
Margaret Pattenden
Mary Curry
Adam Quarmby
Eileen Kelly
Senara Wilton
Joan Vasey



The Foodbank - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce, tinned veg, sweets, small tins of meat and good quality bags for life. Help with funds for assisting with gas and electricity needs.** Anything you can do to help people with food, heating and lighting is a most practical way of showing love and humanity. Funds to help folks with fuel costs are already urgent. Your help is invaluable. No one should be living in a house with no heating or be unable to put a light on, boil a kettle or warm up food. Autumn temperatures will drop. Thank you.

Our Holy Communion preparation sessions will be starting again next month. This will mean attending a monthly Sunday morning session, from October to May. If you have a child who is in year 4 or above and they would like to join the preparation sessions, could you let Fr Dennis have your contact details and child's name.

Copies of Bible Alive are available at the back of church. I have ordered copies for those who signed for them. Please refer to the orange list, take your copy for £1.50 and leave the money in the Northern Cross box. There are a couple of spare copies for each church. Let me know if you want one. Thank you.

CAFOD - We are having a celebration of the Season of Creation by holding a Harvest Mass at St Mary's, on the weekend of 14th/15th October. This is a great opportunity to show our talents in the home and garden. Share any fresh produce you may have grown or made with the parish, raise money for charity and most of all, give thanks and worship to our loving and generous God. Fruit, vegetables, jams, cakes etc. can be brought along before Mass. Any money raised to go to CAFOD.

ALSO - to celebrate the Harvest Weekend we would like to invite parishioners to decorate a windowsill with a 'Creative Harvest' theme. The Theme chosen by LAUDATO SI for this year is 'Let Justice and Peace Flow', so this could generate an idea....Please put names on a list at the back of church (St. Mary's) if you would be willing to produce a display. Thank you in advance for your support.

Marie Curie have a fundraiser to help with their great work. Today at 11am to 2pm for soup and a bun at the wonderful Open Garden at Hillside Cottage, Low Etherley. Admission is £5. You'll find everyone down the lane opposite No.63. Thanks

St Wilfrid's Social - Covid put a stop to the annual **St Wilfrid's Social** but we think it's time to revive it, so get your tiara from the pawn shop, dust off your tuxedo and head for St Wilfrid's on Friday 13th October at 7.00pm. Tickets now available (only £1) at the back of both churches. Quizzes, bingo and a raffle will definitely feature - offers of raffle prizes and food contributions would be very welcome!

Samaritans shoe box appeal - please fill a shoe box for a needy child. Drop off point is The Well at West Auckland, by week commencing 13 November. Leaflets and further information at the back of church. Collection tins for donations in lieu/for transport costs available also. Many thanks.

Social Quiz Night - will be held on Thursday 26 October, doors open at 7pm, quiz stats at 7.30pm. We are also planning a big CHRISTMAS QUIZ night with a bottle stall on 7 December. Please pencil the dates in your diary. Can we also ask if you have any spare bottles for the stall could you bring them to either St Mary's or St Wilfrid's. Many thanks.

First Steps - Exploring the Catholic Faith online - Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start? First Steps is aimed at people who are thinking about their faith or their relationship with God. Perhaps you were baptised a Catholic, but didn't make First Communion, or receive Confirmation, or were baptised as a member of another Christian Church, or have never been baptised at all. If you are currently wondering whether joining the Catholic Church is the next step for you this may be the way forward. For further information, or to register, please visit <https://bit.ly/3sHgZOF>. First Steps online begins on Wednesday 11 October at 7 pm for 7 weeks and will be delivered via Zoom.

Cancer Support - No one should have to face cancer alone. Team Solan Cancer Trust will be available at Woodhouse Close Church Centre each Wednesday morning, providing a Drop-In session from 10.00 to 12.00. Their aim is to help improve the quality of life for

those living with a cancer diagnosis or a cancer bereavement. It's a bespoke support service to adults and children who have been impacted by cancer. If you need support or further information please contact: admin@teamsolan.org.uk or telephone 01388 205294. You'll be welcome to call in to meet the team members during the Drop-In sessions each week.

SIGNIFICANCE GRAND DRAW - Fr Dermott Donnelly, Director of Youth Services in our Diocese until his death in July 2022, founded the charity 'Significance' to enable young people to become all that God has created them to be. Significance has recently launched a fundraising appeal including a Grand Draw: First prize is 2 tickets for a live TV show in 2024 plus Meet and Greet with Ant and Dec, first class LNER travel and overnight stay in a London hotel (there are two first prizes); and there are other exciting prizes. Each ticket costs £5 and the aim is to raise £20,000 by selling 800 books x 5 tickets. The draw will take place on Youth Sunday 26th November 2023. Please support by buying a ticket or taking a book to sell. We have some raffle tickets.

The Faith Museum - is the stunning new building at Auckland Castle. It has opened now. This new asset to Bishop Auckland will explore the many ways faith has shaped lives and communities across Britain. There are four galleries with displays and changing exhibitions. It houses over 250 objects from across the UK, some national treasures and personal mementos. The museum's story begins 6000 years ago, taking visitors on a journey through time, considering the ways faith has shaped our lives throughout history and continues to do so. Plan to visit sometime in the Autumn. Tickets can be booked in advance. We hope to arrange a guided tour.

Holy Island Camp - Holy Island Vinnies Camp is looking for new helpers to help in their kitchens on Holy Island. The Camp runs holidays for many of our Catholic Schools in the North East during the months of April to July and then September to November, but relies on volunteers to do caretaking duties and kitchen helpers to wash up, serve meals and help prepare light meals, salads and sandwiches etc for the groups staying on site. Commitment can be as little as a few days a year or more if you are able to and willing! We are running a camp afternoon tea at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Newcastle airport, on Saturday 7th October from 2.15pm until 4.45pm. People who are interested in volunteering are more than welcome to join us, but would need to email John Flynn on JohnF@svp.org.uk to book a place. Anyone who is thinking they might like to volunteer in 2024 could also contact Barbara Taws via BarbaraT@svp.org.uk to find more information about Camp and the process of becoming a volunteer. We hope to see you soon!

Lourdes Fundraising Quiz - is taking place on **Friday 3 November at 6pm at St John's School**. The cost of the ticket is £5, which includes pie and peas. There will also be a licensed bar. All proceeds will go towards supporting our students attending our pilgrimage to Lourdes next year. Please see poster at the back of church.

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 7 October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Aldred and Johnson Families</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>
Sunday 8 October <i>27th Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>For a Sick person</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Private Intention</i> 2.15 pm Andreas Ensemble at St Mary's
Monday 9 October <i>ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN</i>	No Mass 10.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 1.00 pm <i>Craft Club at St Mary's</i>
Tuesday 10 October <i>St Paulinus of York</i>	10.00 am Mass <i>For a successful operation</i> 7.15 pm Andreas Ensemble at St Mary's
Wednesday 11 October <i>St John XXIII Pope</i>	10.00 am Mass at Our Lady & St Thomas, Willington 6.00 pm First Communion parents 6.30 pm Laudato Si Meeting
Thursday 12 October <i>St Wilfrid</i>	9.00 am Mass: <i>Anna, Agnes & Michael Coleman</i> 5.30 pm Finance Committee
Friday 13 October <i>St Edward the Confessor King</i>	8.15 am Mass in St John's School Chapel 10.00 am Mass: <i>Eric Walsh</i> 7.00 pm Social evening at St Wilfrid's
Saturday 14 October	10.00 am Mass: <i>Private Intention</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>For Lydia's health</i>
Sunday 15 October <i>28th Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Ruth Suddes</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>People of the parish</i>

Quote:

"Only when the last tree has died and the last river has been poisoned and the last fish has been caught will we realise that we cannot eat money".

- Cree Indian saying

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27th SUNDAY of the YEAR

For Pope Francis and the Church

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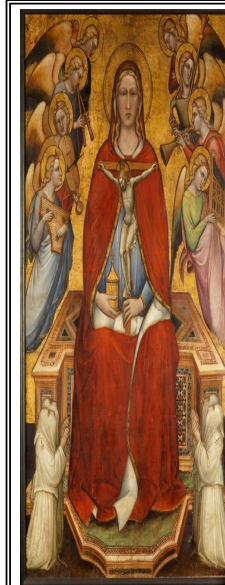
In a world of great wealth where many go hungry and fortunes are won and lost by trading in money, come, Holy Spirit, and show us what is true.

In a world of great knowledge where many die of ignorance and every piece of information has a price in the marketplace, come, Holy Spirit, and show us what is true.

In a world of easy communication where words leap between continents and we expect to see a picture to illustrate each item of the news, come. Holy Spirit, and show us what is true.

In a Church touched by the flame of the Pentecost moved to generous sacrifice and costly love interpreting the will of God with new insight, come, Holy Spirit, and show us what is true.

- Stephen Orchard



Confession Times **St Mary's**

By request and by simple arrangement.